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# Economic Development Committee DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 9:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning DuPage County Conference Room 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, Illinois 60606

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Patrick Carey (Cook County), Peter Creticos (Institute for Work and the Economy), JoAnn Eckmann (World Business Chicago), Reggie Greenwood (South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association), Gretchen Kosarko (RW Ventures), Judith Kossy (Policy Planning Partners), Kelly O'Brien (Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce)

**Staff Present:** 

Garett Ballard-Rosa, Matt Maloney, Jonathon Burch, and Annie Byrne.

#### 1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vice Chair, Patrick Carey

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

## 3.0 CNT Priority Development Areas, Kyle Smith, CNT

Kyle Smith from the Center of Neighborbood Technology (CNT) presented a proposal to establish Priority Development Areas, voluntary geographic designations to align investments in transportation, housing, and jobs across agencies. The presentation included similar best practices from other regions around the country, a voluntary process for establishing them in northeastern Illinois, and resources in transportation, housing, and jobs that could be targeted. Kyle explained how this proposal is related to recommendations in GO TO 2040, specifically the Livable Communities chapter. The committee asked how criteria would be developed and implemented and how the private

sector would be engaged. Kyle explained the criteria will be developed with stakeholder input and they welcome contact information of others, including the private sector, that may want to be involved. Kyle fielded several other questions and thanked the committee for their feedback.

#### 4.0 CMAP Cluster Drill-Down Next Steps, Garett Ballard-Rosa, CMAP

CMAP staff, Garett Ballard-Rosa, presented an overview of the potential future work CMAP will undertake related to the cluster drill-down reports. CMAP had originally planned on starting a third report this spring, but has decided to push that back and spend more time on projects that would further the implementation of the freight and manufacturing reports. Potential projects include: sub-regional analyses, analysis of economic development strategies, and policy briefs. Reggie Greenwood suggested CMAP consider how to be involved in federal grant opportunities and others agreed there is a role for the committee to play as a facilitator. Annie suggested interested committee members lead this and provide quarterly updates on upcoming funding opportunities and suggestions of how committee members can be supportive. The committee agreed to explore this option further.

#### **5.0** Committee Meeting Agenda Development, Patrick Carey and Annie Byrne

Pat provided a summary of the planning meeting the committee chair (Jerry Weber), Vice Chair (Pat Carey), and CMAP staff liaison (Annie Byrne) held to discuss the future agendas of the committee. The future meetings will incorporate suggestions and input from the committee survey. The April meeting will feature a presentation from the primary economic development agencies and their priority projects over the next six months, including World Business Chicago's Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs, the Chicagoland Chamber's Tri-State Alliance, Cook County's Regional Economic Growth Agenda, and CMAP's work related to the Human Capital chapter of GO TO 2040. This will help identify future presentation topics and schedule them in an organized way so they build off each other. The committee will also meet off-site for a special session once a quarter. The next off-site meeting will be in June at Argonne. Committee members will be asked to help plan this.

#### 6.0 Other Business

- **6.1** Local Technical Assistance Update: Annie gave a brief overview of the LTA project CMAP is undertaking with the Golden Corridor Group. The project is focusing on the workforce needs of local manufacturers; one major strategy being pursued is to form closer working relationships with local high schools.
- **6.2** CMAP EDA Application: Annie Byrne informed the committee that CMAP submitted and application to the EDA under their Economic Adjustment Assistance program. The grant

would be used to grow the LTA program so additional projects could focus on economic development, specifically around the freight and manufacturing cluster.

## 7.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

# 8.0 Next Meeting

The committee will meet next on April 23, 2013 at CMAP.

# 9.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Annie Byrne

Committee Liaison

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